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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hitoshi IRINO

Title: SEMICONDUCTOR PROTECTION ELEMENT, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: